

# Mercy

Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### Psalm 133

Leader: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

**People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robe!**

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion

**People: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.**

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### HYMN OF PRAISE

### Father Long Before Creation

1. Father long before creation  
Thou hadst chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving,  
Draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us  
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

2. Though the world may change its fashion,  
Yet our God is e'er the same;  
His compassion and His covenant  
Through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children  
Must forever praise His name.

3. God's compassion is my story  
Is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing  
Moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us,  
That His only Son He gave.

4. Loving Father now before Thee  
We will ever praise Thy love,  
And our songs will sound unceasing  
'Til we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, giving glory,  
To our God and to the Lamb;

Giving glory, giving glory,  
To our God and to the Lamb.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

## Ecclesiastes 12:11-14

<sup>11</sup> The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. <sup>12</sup> My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

<sup>13</sup> The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. <sup>14</sup> For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

## HYMN OF CONFESSION

## By Thy Mercy

1. Jesus, Lord of life and glory,  
Bend from heav'n Thy gracious ear;  
While our waiting souls adore Thee,  
Friend of helpless sinners, hear.

2. From the depth of nature's blindness,  
From the hard'ning pow'r of sin;  
From all malice and unkindness,  
From the pride that lurks within:

### Chorus

By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord;  
By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

3. When temptation sorely presses,  
In the day of Satan's pow'r;  
In our times of deep distresses,  
In each dark and trying hour.

4. When the world around is smiling,  
In the time of wealth and ease,  
Earthly joys, our hearts beguiling,  
In the day of health and peace:  
Chorus

5. In the weary hours of sickness,  
In the times of grief and pain;  
When we feel our mortal weakness,  
When all human help is vain;

6. In the solemn hour of dying,  
In the awful judgment day;  
May our souls, on Thee relying,  
Find Thee still our Rock and Stay.  
Chorus 2X

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious and loving Lord, you call us to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Yet we grieve your Spirit through sins that separate us from one another. We confess the ways we have hindered the growth of your church, through pride, anger, malice, keeping records of wrongs, and refusing to forgive. Remind us of your great grace to us so that we might live thankful lives together. And increase our faith, with confidence that the gates of hell will not prevail against the church, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Savior.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## Heidelberg Catechism 21

Question: What is True Faith?

Answer: True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

### SCRIPTURE READING

### Luke 17:5-10

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup> "Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? <sup>8</sup> Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup> Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

### SERMON

**"Shall We See God More Clearly?"**

**- Rev. Bryan Rigg**

## COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY SONG

### How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds, which mar the Chosen One,  
Bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold, the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life,  
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection!  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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## **SONG OF RESPONSE      Your Great Name We Praise**

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise;  
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes.  
Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;  
Almighty, victorious,  
Your great name we praise!

2. Unresting, unhasting and silent as light;  
Not wanting or wasting, You rule us in might;  
Your justice, like mountains high soaring above;  
Your clouds which are fountains  
Of goodness and love.

### **Chorus**

Most Holy, Most glorious,  
The Ancient of Days;  
Almighty, victorious,  
Your great name we praise!

3. All life comes from You, Lord,  
To both great and small;  
In all life You live, Lord, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail;  
We wither and perish but You never fail!  
Chorus

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light;  
Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we will render, oh Father of grace,  
Till one day, in splendor, we see face to face!  
Chorus 2X

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **DISMISSAL**

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and  
Savior, Jesus Christ.

**People: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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